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April 23, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Pend Oreille County West Side Calispel/McKenzie Road project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Pend Oreille County and the project is located at Flowery Trail Road, Chewelah, WA 99109.

The funding will create an all-weather surface from Flowery Trail along Westside Calispel Road and McKenzie Road to State Highway 20. The western portion of the route has been improved to all-weather design standards including a 2.5 mile portion completed in the summer of 2020; however, the eastern segment connecting to SR 20 needs to be improved to the same standard. The project would make repairs to the McKenzie Bridge and address any drainage issues along the corridor which would replace all existing culverts. The proposed project length is 3.8 miles long and would complete the entire all weather surface between US 395 and State Highway 20.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit the area as an all-weather road project is important regionally since it serves as an east-west route between Pend Oreille and Stevens Counties. This is an important commuter and freight route for the region, as well as access to the 49 Degrees North Resort.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Member of Congress